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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
<b>ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME</b>	)	

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20061026) in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This Response is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for the response.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**